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SUBJECT: IMANI VISIT

REFERENCE: STATE 176483

1. IMANI NOT AS CONFIDENT AS MOROCCAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON APPEARS TO BE THAT HE WILL VISIT U.S. IN OCTOBER. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 11, HE SAID DECISION STILL NOT MADE. HE ALSO REITERATED THAT TRIP, IF IT COMES ABOUT, WILL BE QUITE BRIEF.

2. IMANI HAS TOLD US HE WILL NOT BE PREPARED BY OCTOBER TO TALK TO POTENTIAL AMERICAN INVESTORS (RABAT 4070). IF HE DOES DECIDE TO GO, IT WILL NOW BE ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE. THEREFORE EMBASSY BELIEVES PROGRAM OF SCOPE AND TYPE SUGGESTED PARA 2 REFTEL NOT RPT NOT REALISTIC OR ADVISABLE. CONTACT WITH PROCTOR AND GAMBLE WOULD PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT BE PRODUCTIVE; BELIEVE P& G WILL DO BETTER DEALING DIRECTLY WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS HERE.

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3. EMBASSY RATHER SUGGESTS THAT, ONCE WE HAVE CONFIRMATION IMANI'S PLANS, DEPARTMENT ARRANGE CALLS ON APPROPRIATE-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN STATE, COMMERCE, AID, AND OPIC. IN NEW YORK, HE COULD VISIT FNCB, AND POSSIBLY BCIU (LATTER TO ASCERTAIN HOW COUNCIL MIGHT BE ABLE ASSIST IN PROGRAMMING LATER VISIT). FNCB CASABLANCA DIRECTOR WINTERS ADVISES US THAT, ALTHOUGH BANK'S TOP-LEVEL AFRICAN HANDS WILL UNFORTUNATELY BE AWAY DURING FIRST HALF OCTOBER, BANK COULD STILL ARRANGE FOR IMANI TO BE RECEIVED AND OFFERED SMALL, IN-HOUSE LUNCHEON BY SOMEONE ELSE OF EQUIVALENT RANK. ASIDE FROM DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON OF AID, PURPOSE ALL THESE MEETINGS WOULD BE TO DISCUSS APPROACH TO, AND LOGISTICS OF SECOND VISIT.

4. WINTERS IS INFORMING FNCB NEW YORK OF POSSIBLE OCTOBER VISIT. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT FOLLOW UP. EMBASSY WILL STAY IN TOUCH WITH IMANI AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS TRIP DEFINITELY SET.
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